

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Rudolf Neumann      **Examiner:** Justin Mitchell Krause  
**Application** 10/623,201      **Confirmation** 2842  
**Filed:** July 18, 2003      **Group Art** 3682  
**For:** **HYDRO FILL CONTROLLING SHIELD AND SLEEVE FOR A  
HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of September 15, 2005 for the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

- ☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	10	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

**TOTAL = \$0.00**

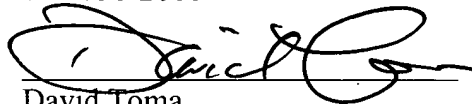
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$XXX in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.20 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517.0009. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
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- ☐ The following extension fee is applicable to the Reply filed herewith: \$XXX extension fee for response within xxx month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005, Applicant hereby submits the following:

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 8 of this paper.